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This seismic history covers the period from 1810 to 1905. The second volume, which is now in press, will treat the much more interesting earthquake of southern Peru, Bolivia, and northern Chile. Seismologists will rather generally regret that it was necessary to print the results in the Spanish language.

W. H. H.

“The Production of Phosphate Rock in 1910.” By F. B. VAN HORN. Advance chapter from *Mineral Resources of the United States* for 1910, U.S. Geol. Survey, Washington, 1911.

The total production of phosphate rock in 1910 showed an increase of a little over 10 per cent over the 1909 production. The increase came notably from Florida, with small increase from Tennessee and the western fields, and a drop in production from North Carolina. A drop of fifty-one cents per ton in the average price brought the increase in value down to a little over 1 per cent. Florida is as before by far the largest producer, giving 77.9 per cent of the total for 1910. A short chapter on methods of mining phosphate rock in the various fields is inserted.

A. D. B.

“The Manufacture of Coke in 1910.” By EDWARD W. PARKER. Advance chapter from *Mineral Resources of the United States* for 1910, U.S. Geol. Survey, Washington, 1911.

The coke output of the United States in 1910 broke the record of 1907 by nearly a million tons but by no means reached the 1907 record for value. Compared with 1909 the amount increased 6.1 per cent and the value 10.9 per cent. Illinois rose from fifth to fourth rank owing to the installation of ovens at Joliet by the United States Steel Corporation, but in general the rank of producing states changed little. In 1910, 17.12 per cent of the output was from by-products ovens, against 15.94 per cent in 1909.

In spite of the increased production and higher price of coke, 1910 was not a satisfactory year from the producer's standpoint. The increased value of the coal charged into the ovens more than offset the increase in price of coke. A downward tendency in price held throughout, with the result that before the end of the year some manufacturers were running at a loss.

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